



Regional Overview
Europe/Eurasia
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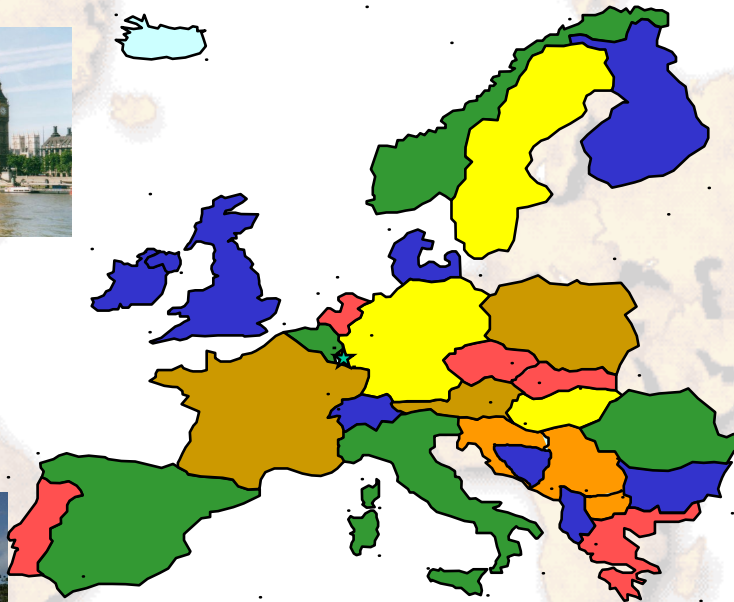


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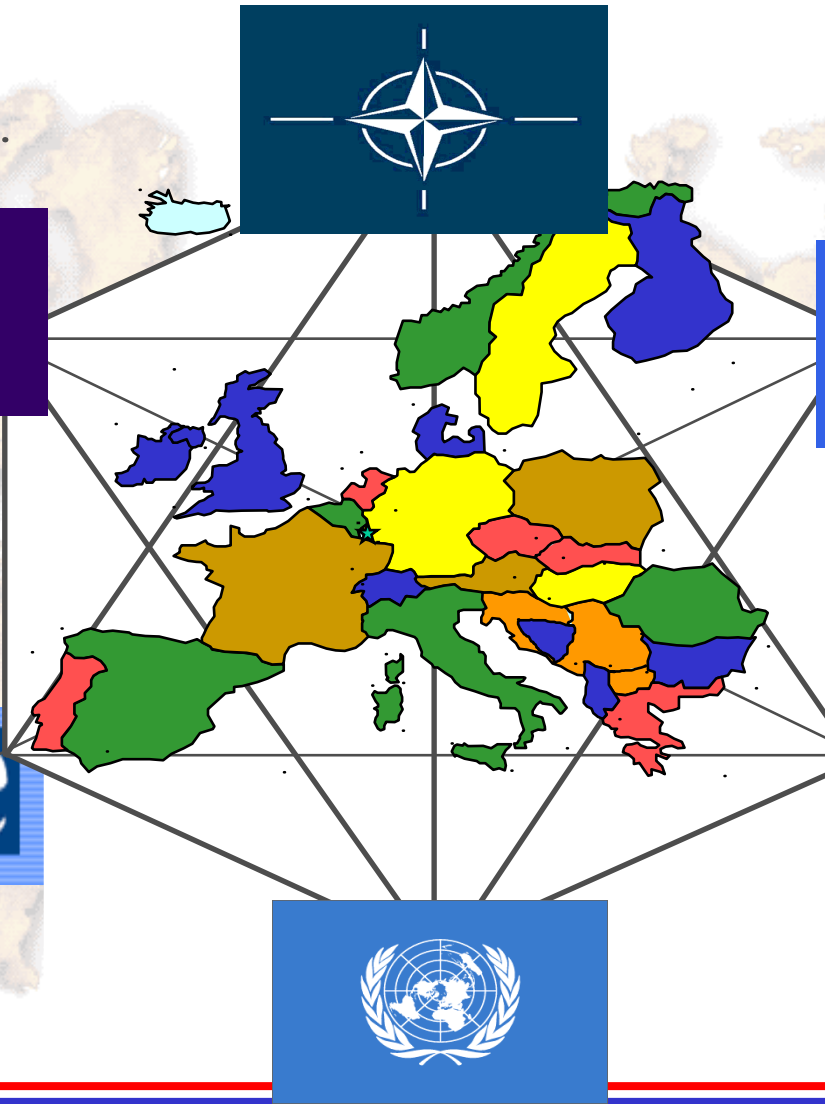
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Contrast and Diversity



Contrast and Diversity, Yet...





US National Security Interests

- **Promote European stability**
- **Preserve NATO**
- **Facilitate prosecution of GWOT**
- **Enhance democracy & free market economies**
- **Promote European integration**
- **Maintain stable relations with Russia**
- **Maintain safe, secure and accountable WMD**
- **Ensure access**





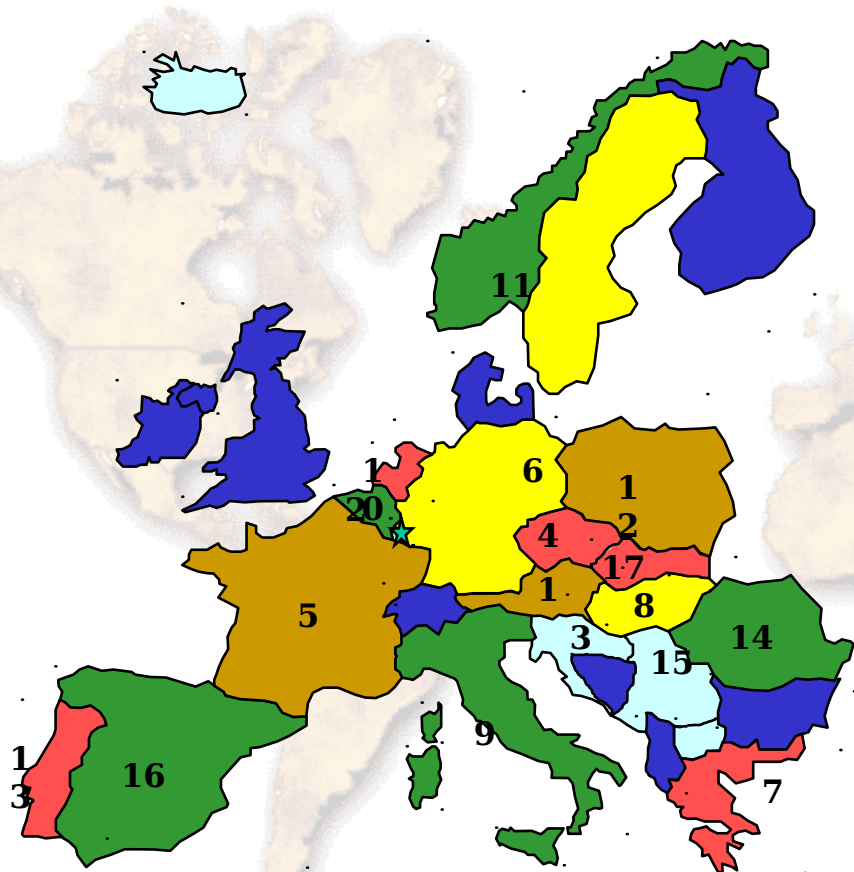
Key Issues

- **Support the NATO Alliance**
- **Sustain host nation support and the ability to project forces from established staging areas**
- **Facilitate interoperability and allied and coalition partner contributions to the Global War on Terrorism**
- **Facilitate interoperability and leverage allied and coalition partner contributions to Army Transformation**
- **Facilitate the broadening of democratic values and the concept of civilian control of**





ICT Sites



- 1. AUSTRIA, Vienna
- 2. BELGIUM, Brussels
- 3. CROATIA, Zagreb
- 4. CZECH REP, Prague
- 5. FRANCE, Paris
- 6. GERMANY, Berlin
- 7. GREECE, Thessaloniki
- 8. HUNGARY, Budapest
- 9. ITALY, Rome
- 10. NETHERLANDS, The Hague
- 11. NORWAY, Oslo
- (CLOSING)
- 12. POLAND, Warsaw
- 13. PORTUGAL, Lisbon
- 14. ROMANIA, Bucharest
- 15. Serbia and Montenegro, Belgrade
- 16. SPAIN, Madrid
- 17. SLOVAKIA, Liptovsky Mikulas



Program Description



- ➡ **TOUR:** 12 - 15 MONTHS
MOST ARE ON JULY - JUNE CYCLE
- ➡ **PROGRAM:** MOST ATTEND CGSC-LIKE MILITARY ACADEMIES IN HOST NATION, COURSE LENGTH RANGING FROM 4 TO 10 MONTHS
- ➡ **REGIONAL TRAVEL:** ENCOURAGED AND FUNDED
- ➡ **VISITS:** MILITARY INSTITUTIONS, UNITS AND HEADQUARTERS
- ➡ **LANGUAGE:** 2/2 MINIMUM, BUT MANY MILITARY ACADEMIES REQUIRE 2+/2+
- ➡ **PREREQUISITES:** CPT OR MAJ, BRANCH IMMATERIAL, NO GENDER RESTRICTIONS



Summary



- **Europe is the focus of key U.S. economic, military and foreign policies**
- **A large, complex, changing region which requires expertise across the full spectrum of political-military issues**
- **U.S. has an active strategic security assistance doctrine using the military as a significant means of advancing US policy**
- **17 FAO ICT sites (and changing...)**
- **Army FAOs are critical to U.S. national security interests, objectives and policies in Europe**





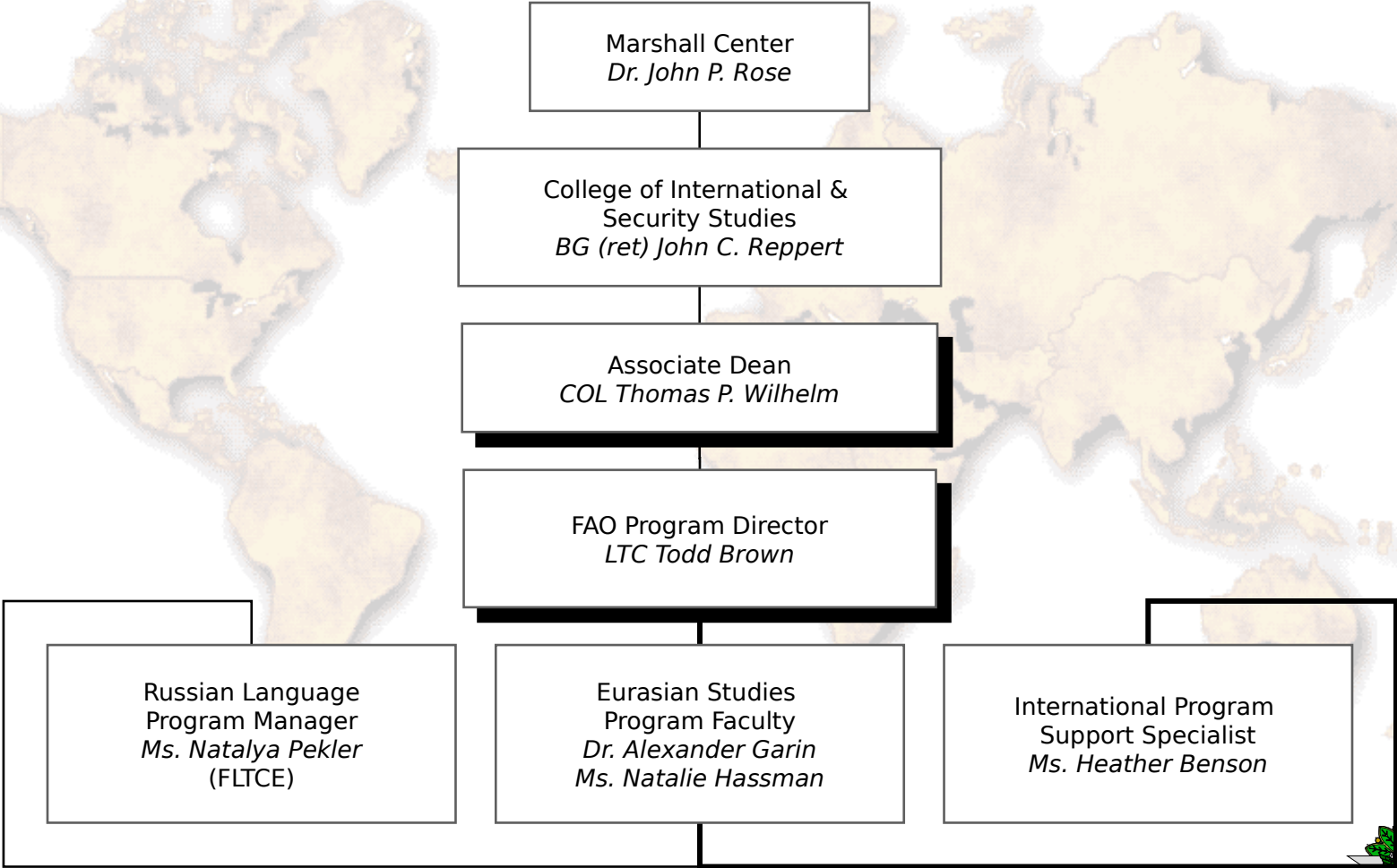
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**EURASIAN FOREIGN AREA
OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM**





ORGANIZATION





EURASIAN FAO TRAINING ELEMENTS

**1. One year Basic Russian at
the Defense**

Language Institute, Monterey,

**2. 18 months at the Marshall Center
California**

- Advanced Language

Training

- Regional Travel

- In-residence Studies

- MILREP Assignments

3. 12-18 months at Graduate School





Program Graduation Requirements

- Each officer must achieve at least **64** credit hours of work, study and travel.
- Achieve a minimum 3/2+/2 or 2+/3/2 (Reading/Listening/Speaking) DLPT Score in Russian.
- Complete two MILREP assignments (approx 180 days).
- Write two research papers - minimum 1,500 words in length.
- Conduct at least one formal briefing.

EACH OFFICER'S PROGRAM IS UNIQUE





ADVANCED LANGUAGE TRAINING

Objectives:

1. Develop hard FAO skill - language
2. Focus on active skills, professionally relevant to FAO work
3. Instill confidence through immersion experiences

Method:

-First Six Months: Intensive Russian Program (Intermediate to Advanced), 24 hours per week

-Next Twelve Months: Advanced and individualized language studies, electives and tutorials (often while on internship)

Program Standard:

-Achieve a 3/3/2 (Reading, Listening, Speaking) DLPT Score in Russian

- One semester hour of credit equals 16 contact hours





REGIONAL MILITARY STUDIES

Objectives:

1. Provide officers with knowledge of current defense and security issues in the region
2. Provide officers with knowledge of regional military

establishments, procedures and challenges

- Method:**
- Includes attendance at MC resident course
 - Taught in Russian by dedicated faculty
 - Designed to complement language training and subsequent graduate studies

Adult learning model; tutorial format

Program Standard:

- One semester hour of credit equals 16 contact hours
- MC resident courses: 9.25 (LC) or 15.75 (EP) credits





REGIONAL TRAVEL

Objectives:

1. Give FAO first-hand experience within assigned region.
2. Compliment internship assignments.
3. Provide perspective to temper classroom experience.

Method:

- Trips conducted semi-annually, April and September
- Priority to visit Tier One countries (Russia and Ukraine)
- Tailor subsequent trips to the desires of the senior students

Program Standard:

- Make additional travel opportunities available in conjunction with internships
- 5 Semester hours per 30 days deployed.

Goal: FAO student should have experience in four sub-regions and gain familiarity with the four associated problem sets





Military Representative Assignments

Objectives:

- Provide opportunity to put “hard” FAO skills into practice in a “reduced risk” environment
- Provide immersion experience in language and culture
- Expose FAO to future assignment possibilities
- Provide opportunity for FAO family experience

Method:

- Currently over fifteen intern positions available in region
- FAOs will conduct at least two assignments during 18 months

Limit each to 90 days: enough for experience of job and location

- Complete 180 days of MILREP assignment
- Responsible supervisor provides Letter of Input for OER
- 5 Semester hours per 30 days deployed
- Weekly reports and comprehensive post-assignment report





ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Officer Professional Development

Classes presented by FAO management, Marshall Center staff and guest lecturers. Intended to familiarize FAO student with this training program, the FAO career, different job opportunities, topics in the regional significance, and to keep abreast of a changing Army.

FAO Briefing Requirement:

Conduct at least one formal briefing on a topic of relevance to the region - to an audience of peers, staff, and faculty.

Writing Requirement:

Write two papers of at least 1500 words in conjunction with an independent study course

with a faculty advisor on an approved topic, 1 semester hour awarded per paper





The Marshall Center Eurasian FAO Program

- Within a general framework, provides an individualized program
- Provides significant training opportunities and experiences
- Provides multiple opportunities to meet and interact with the current and future military and civilian leadership of the Eurasian region
- Provides unique academic opportunities
- Prepares the next generation of FAOs for success





Questions?

